

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing print outcome notification, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining which print driver settings are selected;

determining whether one or more of the print driver settings is likely to adversely affect a ~~printing result~~ the quality of images printed on the print media or the speed at which printing is performed, or to result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables; and

providing notification to a user that a selected print driver setting may result in an adverse printing result.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining which print driver settings are selected comprises determining a print driver setting that has been selected by the user.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining which print driver settings are selected comprises determining a current default print driver setting.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ providing notification comprises facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ providing notification comprises providing an indication of the degree of severity of the adverse result.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ suggesting an alternative print driver setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising ~~the step of~~ automatically adjusting a print driver setting for the user so as to avoid an adverse printing result.

9. (Currently amended) A system for providing print outcome notification, comprising:

means for determining which print driver settings are selected;

means for determining whether one or more of the print driver settings is likely to adversely affect ~~a printing result~~ the quality of images printed on the print media or the speed at which printing is performed, or to result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables; and

means for providing notification to a user that a selected print driver setting may result in an adverse printing result.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the means for providing notification comprise means for facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising means for suggesting an alternative print driver setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

13. (Currently amended) A printer driver that includes software configured to provide print outcome notification, comprising:

logic configured to determine which print driver settings are selected;

logic configured to determine whether one or more of the print driver settings is likely to adversely affect a ~~printing result~~ the quality of images printed on the print media or the speed at which printing is performed, or to result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables; and

logic configured to provide notification to a user that a selected print driver setting may result in an adverse printing result.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 13, wherein the logic configured to provide notification comprises logic configured to facilitate presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

16. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 13, further comprising logic configured to suggest an alternative print driver setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

17. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 13, further comprising logic configured to cancel printing.

18. (Currently amended) A method for providing print outcome notification, the method comprising:

determining which print driver settings are selected;

determining whether one or more of the print driver settings is likely to adversely affect ~~at least one of print speed and consumption of a printing device consumable~~ the speed at which printing is performed or result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables; and

providing notification to a user that a selected print driver setting may adversely affect ~~the at least one of print speed and consumption of a printing device consumable~~ the speed at which printing is performed or result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein providing notification comprises presenting a warning dialogue box to the user.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein providing notification comprises indicating the degree of severity of the adverse result.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising suggesting an alternative print driver setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising automatically adjusting a print driver setting for the user so as to avoid an adverse printing result.

23. (Currently amended) A printer driver separate from a file manipulation software and stored on a computer-readable medium, the system comprising:

logic configured to determine which print driver settings are selected;

logic configured to determine whether one or more of the print driver settings is likely to adversely affect ~~at least one of print speed and consumption of a printing device consumable~~ the speed at which printing is performed or result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables; and

logic configured to notify a user that a selected print driver setting may adversely affect ~~the at least one of print speed and consumption of a printing device consumable~~ the speed at which printing is performed or result in consumption of large amounts of printing device consumables.

24. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 23, wherein the logic configured to notify comprises logic configured to present a warning dialogue box to the user.

25. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 23, wherein the logic configured to notify comprises logic configured to indicate the degree of severity of the adverse result.

26. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 23, further comprising logic configured to suggest an alternative print setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

27. (Previously presented) The driver of claim 26, further comprising logic configured to automatically adjust a print driver setting for the user so as to avoid an adverse printing result.